# **GRAFT MADE MANY W**EALTHY, FINANCE PROBE DISCLOSES

City Charged \$588 for Job That Could Have Been Done for \$70.

How several shining lights in Queens aty amassed fortunes at the exrealed at the resumed inquiry by the gislative committee engaged in probthe Finance Department.

The era of graft which prevailed under former administrations in Queens until 1907 was unfolded by competent witnesses, whose testimony indicated that the high sign in those peaceful days of graft prosperity was "do the city." What is due the city to-day can never be collected, for the claims have become outlawed.

Comptroller Metz received a tip from

a mysterious source and quietly started an investigation under the conductorship of Robert B McIntyre, one of the examiners in the Bureau of Municipal Statistics. He was at first confronted with a series of claims aggregating \$14,000. These were for materials and labor which were furnished on an open order in the Bureau of Public Buildings and offices in the borough.

One of the claims series was for \$947-the cost of furnishing the labor and materials to construct "a desk, jury box and rail for the court-room" in the town hall of Flushing. An expert said a liberal price for the job would be \$500. A roll top desk-cost \$210-was another item. A desk expert reported, "One hundred dollars is the market

"For papering a room and hanging ewnings, \$124," was another item and "hanging shades, \$119.25" was another. Experts said the first could be done with profit at \$75, and a housewife declared she could hang all the shades in the borough for \$50 and do the job better in the bargain.

Profitable Job for Painter.

And here's another whopper-\$519 for And here's another whopper—\$519 for painting and kaisomining the walls and ceilings of the Queens office of the Board of Elections. A painter and kaisominer said he would be glad to get the job for \$200, and that painter earns \$5 a day.

Polishing and sandpapering some furniture was charged at the jutey sum of \$588.90, and a polisher not in on the graft declared \$70 was a big price for the job.

the job.
Lettering, roofing, cementing and other jobs cost the city several hundred more per cent, than such work could be procured for ordinarily.

Nr. McIntyre testified to all these matters and lots more. John H. Andrews, in charge of the contract bureau, also testified, and said that a good deal of foolish and unnecessary red tape surrounds the letting of contracts by competitive bidding.

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It is forecasted that one of the results of the investigation will be the establishment by the city of a central department for the purchase of all city supplies; that the method in vogue in the army and navy will be applied in city administration.

The testimony to-day showed that there is a disparity in the purchase price of commodities, one department buying the same quality of supplies cheaper than another. Comptroller Metz has suggested to the commission the centralizing of a purchasing station, and several members of the committee have expressed their approval of the plan.

he committee after hearing a number of witnesses adjourned until Oct. 20. Many of the members are candidates for re-election, and they desire time in which to patch up their political fences.

#### LADDERMAN LARSEN DEAD.

Old Revenue Cutter Hand Stricken Climbing Up Steps.

John Larsen, the old ladderman, who three years with the revenue cutters that meet incoming ships, and whose skill in getting persons up and down the towering sides of steamships won him the approval of such famous voyagers as J. Plerpont Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, George Gould and August Belmont, dropped dead to-day at his Brooklyn home, No. 166 Hanover street, It was Larsen's day off and he was stricken with, heart disease as he mounted the steps of his home. He was sixty-five years old and followed the sea for fifty years.

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